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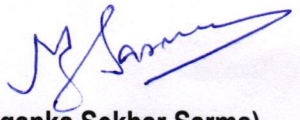
NOTICE

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Sub.: Call for Nominations for the UNESCO- Russia Mendeleev International Prize in Basic Science.

Please find attached a letter received from the Director General, UNESCO inviting to nominate candidates for the 2021 edition of the UNESCO- Russia Mendeleev International Prize in Basic Science. Details about the prize are also enclosed herewith. Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions may forward their nominations to Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) via email: inc.edu@nic.in by 28th February, 2021.


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Subject: **Call for nominations for the 2021 UNESCO-Russia Mendeleev
International Prize in the Basic Sciences**

Sir/Madam,

I am honoured to launch the call for nominations for the first edition of the UNESCO-Russia Mendeleev International Prize in the Basic Sciences.

By launching this Prize, funded by the Russian Federation, UNESCO wishes to reward those who work to ensure that science serves society and raise awareness of scientific values.

It is these values that drove the renowned scientist Dmitri Mendeleev. His invention of the periodic table reflected the brilliance of his mind, the importance of collaboration and the significance of transmission – as seen in the empty boxes he left for future researchers to complete. This visionary figure, who anticipated contemporary challenges, was a forerunner in imagining science for sustainable development.

The Prize will be awarded annually to two prize-winners in recognition of their efforts to use the potential of the basic sciences to transform societies, by making a significant contribution to the excellence of research, the development of scientific education, or international cooperation in science.

In this way, UNESCO hopes to not only support the work and commitment of women and men in science, but also to demonstrate the potential of science to all. In doing so, we aim to encourage young people, and particularly girls, to take up careers in this field, for the benefit of our societies.

Prize-winners will be selected on the basis of assessments and recommendations made by the Jury. The Prize consists of a monetary reward of US \$250,000 for each of the two winners.

I am confident that you will give this Prize all due attention and propose your country's most qualified candidates. In this respect, I would like to underline the importance the Prize attributes to women in science. Nominations of women scientists are encouraged.

All applications must be submitted online via a dedicated template available on the webpage of the Prize, by **15 March 2021 at the latest**, in English or French, in order to ensure their consideration by the Jury.